and expenditure are not maintained and so it is not possible to give complete information.

(d) One (Moyyakulam).

Mr. K. M Ibrahim.—Is not the land revenue the main revenue from that village?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—One of the main revenues.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Which are the other main revenues?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The Excise Revenue is equally big.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is the Excise Revenue equally big ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The Member can know it from the budget.

Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality.

174. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

I (a) what is the amount standing to the credit of the Chittur.Tatamangalam Municipality at the end of Medam 1111;

(b) whether the amount represents the surplus of income over expenses for the past few years;

(c) if so, how many years' surplus;

(d) whether the said Municipality has worked at a loss any time during the past five years;

II (a) whether the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipaliy is properly discharging its functions imposed on it by the Municipal Regulation to the satisfaction of the public and the Government;

(b) whether there was at any time any complaint from the public that works of public importance have not been carried out;

(c) if answer to (b) is in the affirmative, on how many occasions;

(d) if answer to (b) be in the negative, what was the urgent necessity for ordering retrenchment proposals as evidenced in Order D-7-10991/09, dated 12th May 1936;

III (a) in view of the retrenchment in expenditure already sanctioned, will the Government be pleased to state whether

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the Municipality has got any scheme for the utilisation of the saving of more than Rs. 4,000;

(b) If so, what are the schemes and the estimated cost of the schemes;

(c) if the answer to (a) be in the negative, will the Government be pleased to call for a report from the Chairman as to his ideas of spending the said amount ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I (a) The balance as at the end of Medam 1111 is Rs. 42,873—13—9.

(b) and (c) The balance represents the net result of the transactions from the very inception of the Municipality including revenue surplus.

(d) Yes, in 1106.

II (a) Yes; but with much strain.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (b) above.

(d) The proportion of expenditure on establishment to the normal income of the Municipality was found to be rather high. A retrenchment of establishment charges was therefore necessary in the interests of the Municipality.

III (a) and (b) There is no specific scheme in contemplation to utilise the savings in consequence of the retrenchment. Since the Municipality does not possess sufficient funds to undertake works of public utility and profitable enterprises, the savings will be utilised to undertake such works.

(c) Does not arise in view of the answers to sub-divisions (a) and (b) above.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, with Rs. 42,873-13-9 standing to its credit why that Municipality is not undertaking any work of public utility?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—That amount is not considered sufficient because even for ordinary expenditure the annual revenues are not found sufficient.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What is the deficit every year?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The Government have tried to avoid deficit.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what approximately is the deficit for the last two or three years?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—In 1106 there was a deficit.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it on account of the fact that the Municipality is working on a deficit that the surplus of Rs. 42,000 and odd is kept in deposit?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—In the first place the Municipality is required to place a certain amount to carry on the daily transactions of the Municipality. That is the fundamental principle for laying up certain surplus. This surplus is expected to meet such requirements.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— What exactly is the usual annual expenditure of that Municipality?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It will come to about Rs. 50,000.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a fact that this is the only Municipality in the State that imposes land tax?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The question does not arise.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I just wanted to show to the House that even this income, though it looks very large, is derived from an additional tax on land which is imposed only by that Municipality.

Cochin Textiles, Ltd.—particulars regarding.

175. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state when were "The Cochin Textiles, Ltd.", registered;

(2) has the Government taken any shares in this Company;

(3) if so, how much?

(4) who are the Managing Agents and has any Cochinite any share in the management;

(5) where is the Mill to be located;

(6) are the Government satisfied about the suitability of the locality having all facilities required for the working of a Cotton Mill;

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